

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4264**

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TO:	The Honorable Daniel T. "Dan" Cooper, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Free Tuition for Children in the Custody of DSS		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend sections 59-111-110 and 59-111-170 of the Code of Laws to enable children who are in the custody of the Department of Social Service (DSS) and meet certain qualifications to receive free tuition for four years at State supported colleges, vocational or technical schools.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

The impact of this Bill on higher education would be in the loss of in-state tuition revenues that would have been collected from the eligible students for which the provision applies. Institutions may adjust their tuition and fee schedules to compensate if the Bill is enacted.

Department of Social Services

The Department indicates that this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or Federal and/or Other funds.

SPECIAL NOTES:

There are currently 330 foster youth statewide between the ages of 18 and 21 with 150 of those enrolled at a post-secondary institution. CHE estimates that upon enactment that number of foster youth attending a public post secondary institution may climb to as many as 250. The average tuition for a public four year institution is \$8,065 while the average for a public two year institution is \$3,128.

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